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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

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SUBJECT : Recommendation for Promotion -
[REDACTED] GS-12,
Assistant Security Officer, Project AQUATONE

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Dear [REDACTED]

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For some time now I have been carefully following the progress and development of [REDACTED] capable assistant on the AQUATONE Staff. I have dealt with him directly on security matters in Walt's absence, and more extensively over many months in his alternate capacity as Project Cover Officer. In all these dealings I have found him to be an excellent representative of your Career Service.

Ted has shown himself to be conscientiously diligent, highly imaginative, and exceedingly thorough throughout his assignment with us. I am quite pleased with the caliber of his staff work and his unfailing willingness to accept whatever responsibility I have personally asked him to assume. In particular, I feel that his performance in designing and executing a complicated cover program for AQUATONE, his dealings within and outside Agency offices in the furtherance of this program, deserve special mention. You may have noted recently that similar recognition was given his services in this area by a principal member of one of our supporting cover organizations.

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I believe you are aware that our Table of Organization provides for two senior Project Security Officers in the Headquarters Staff; one of these positions, a GS-14, is currently occupied by [REDACTED] at the GS-13 level, and the other, a GS-13 position, is occupied by [REDACTED] at the GS-12 grade.

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With all your diverse responsibilities, I realize that you may find little enough time to conduct a searching evaluation of all your Career Service designees who become eligible for promotion. I am also aware that the philosophy of competitive promotion within a Career Service has placed a considerable responsibility on all of us to see that the most talented people receive tangible recognition for their services to the extent that suitable vacancies can be found. My Project Personnel Officer has advised me that [REDACTED] presently has exactly 24 months of service in his present grade, and

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while this undoubtedly does not make him the ranking senior GS-12 Security Officer under your aegis, it does serve to prompt me to suggest that you may wish to consider my endorsement of his qualifications for promotion to the next highest grade as speedily as circumstances will permit. I believe him to be of such potential as a senior staff officer within CIA as to merit any special consideration you may be able to afford his case. In any event, I trust my warm endorsement will become a part of his permanent Agency record.

Sincerely,


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Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Coordination


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